

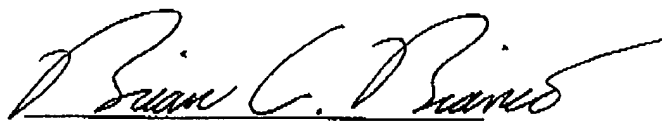
**REMARKS**

The present application includes claims 1-16. By this Amendment, applicant elects claims 1-8 (Group I) and claims 9-16 (Group II) have been cancelled. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a future patent application. The Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

The Applicant submits that the claims define allowable subject matter and are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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